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effort (this was the Navy explanation); second, that it was a Montonero invention to discredit the Navy; and third, that the document was in fact genuine.

We treated the document at arm's length because of Maggio's weak story of how he escaped from the Navy. (He said he jumped out of the back of a truck while being moved.) We recently learned however that Mr. Maggio was in fact a trusty who had limited visiting rights with his family, and escaped during a visit at his family's home. We also heard from a source at another embassy that Mr. Maggio had been recaptured and killed by Navy Intelligence. We received in October a letter from Mrs. Maggio requesting our help in locating her husband who had disappeared for a second time--which supports the report of Maggio's demise.

Embassy Comment: The Maggio drawings and description of the operations within the Mechanics School Officer's Club appear to reflect inside knowledge. Many of the procedural details regarding the operations in his report are corroborated by other sources. We have not however been able to confirm that the individuals named by Maggio were in fact prisoners at the Mechanics School. We are seeking to do so, since this would clear up at least a few of Argentina's extant mysteries. At the same time we cannot rule out Maggio's having used his intimate knowledge of the Navy's interrogation facility as a frame upon which to build a lurid case against his former captors.

CASTRO *[Signature]*

Attachments:

1. Copy Maggio Letter
2. Informal English translation

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